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previously described under the name of *Testudo Corsoni*. There are two specimens consisting of nearly complete ventral shields, broken into many species. One of these was found at Grizzly Buttes and presented by Dr. Corson; the other was found at Dry Creek, by Mrs. Anna Carter, the wife of Dr. Carter, and was presented by her to the Academy. The specimens exhibit some variation in conformation though they are supposed to pertain to the same species. The anterior lobe of the shield has the episternals much prolonged and truncated. The posterior lobe at the extremity presents a wide and deep angular notch. The surface of the shield posteriorly is deeply concave. The length of the plastron is about two feet.

A third specimen of a ventral shield less perfect than the others, has associated with it the median portion of a dorsal shield or carapace. The specimens were found by Dr. Corson on Grizzly Butte. These would appear to indicate that the specimens formerly described and supposed to pertain to a large *Emys*, for which the name of *E. Carteri* was proposed, really belong to the same animal. The error was committed on account of the large costal capitula, which accord in their proportions with those of living *terapenes*.

Among other specimens presented are some large cylindrical masses of agate, obtained from the buttes in the vicinity of Carter Station on the Union Pacific R. R. They simulate, in their form and concentric structure, fossil wood, which they however appear not to be, but are rather of the character of siliceous concretions. Some of them contain an axis of clear white chalcedony, and others are occupied along a central cavity by large yellow crystals of calcite.

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NOVEMBER 12.

Mr. VAUX, Vice-President, in the chair.

Twenty-three members present.

The death of Maj. Gen. Geo. G. Meade, U.S.A., was announced.

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NOVEMBER 19.

The President, Dr. RUSCHENBERGER, in the chair.

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NOVEMBER 26.

The President, Dr. RUSCHENBERGER, in the chair.

Twenty-one members present.

The following gentlemen were elected members:—

C. P. Sinnickson, C. P. Krauth, Joseph Hazard, Francis Garden Smyth, M.D., John J. Thompson, J. Euen Loughlin, M.D., Thos. M. Chatard, Geo. A. Koenig, Gideon E. Moore, Ph.D.

The following were elected correspondents:—

J. W. Powell, of Washington, D. C., Capt. C. M. Scammon, of San Francisco, Cal.

On favorable report of the committees, the following paper was ordered to be published:—